

Stormwater Management

The Town of Lancaster has storm sewers that are separate from sanitary sewers. This system is also called a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, or MS4. Stormwater discharges from the Town's system to rivers, lakes and other water bodies are regulated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). To facilitate compliance with the NYSDEC regulations, the Western New York Stormwater Coalition (WNYSC) was formed. The Town of Lancaster is one of the 43 MS4s in Erie and Niagara counties that are members of the WNYSC.

Stormwater Management Plan and Annual Report

As a requirement of the NYSDEC, the Town has adopted a Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP), which describes how the Town intends to comply with the regulations. Each year the Town submits an Annual Report to the NYSDEC, describing how the SWMP was implemented that year. These documents are available from the Town Clerk at the Lancaster Town Hall

Local Laws

As part of the NYSDEC regulations, the Town has adopted two laws to prevent pollution to stormwater. These laws apply to the entire Town outside of the Villages of Lancaster and Depew. One law pertains to stormwater runoff from construction sites. Local Law number 2-2007 is described in two places in the Town Code found on this website. Chapter 42 (Stormwater Management and Erosion and Sediment Control) requires good practices be used on construction sites to prevent pollution of stormwater runoff. Chapter 50 (Zoning), Article IX (Stormwater Control) describes other requirements for construction projects.

The second local law prohibits illicit discharges, which are non stormwater discharges that are not allowed to the storm sewer system. Local Law number 3 is found in Chapter 43 (Storm Sewers), Article 1 (Illicit Discharges, Activities And Connections) of the Town Code.

Comments

The public is invited to submit comments on stormwater issues, proposed design plans, or construction projects using the Comment/Complaint Form for Stormwater Management in the Town of Lancaster. This form is able to be printed from the next page of this document and is also available by contacting the Town Clerk at the Lancaster Town Hall, 21 Central Avenue, Lancaster, NY 14086. The completed forms can be submitted to the Town Engineer, Wm. Schutt & Associates, at their office at 37 Central Avenue, Lancaster, NY 14086.

Comment/Complaint Form for Stormwater Management in the Town of Lancaster

This form is for comments or complaints on general stormwater issues, or design or construction issues relating to stormwater.

Comment/Complaint on:

- ☐ Construction Project
- ☐ Proposed Design Plans
- ☐ Stormwater Management

Project and/or Contractor: _____

Location: _____

Comment /Complaint: _____

Comment/Complaint by: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Return form to: Lancaster Town Engineer, Wm. Schutt & Associates, 37 Central Avenue,
Lancaster, NY 14086

Following Section to be Completed by Town of Lancaster Representative:

Results of Investigation: _____

Action Taken: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____